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1. [ ] Called Frank Reeder, OMB, to discuss OMB's most recent circulated draft revising H. R. 12206, which amends the Freedom of Information Act to permit persons access to Government records concerning them. Reeder acknowledged that the Agency exemption provided was inadequate and he expressed general favor of a suggested change which would grant the Agency a blanket exemption.

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2. [ ] Bill Skidmore, OMB, called to grant clearance on S. 1726, S. 2451, S. 3393, S. 3399, and H. R. 12004 reports. He requested that each report be revised to drop our request for an exemption from the provisions of the bills should they be enacted. The Administration is strongly in opposition to the bills and wants to have omitted from all reports any suggestions of revisions which indicate possible enactment. He added that actually the Senate Government Operations Committee, which is considering all of the Senate bills, is merely addressing itself to the general subject of secrecy and does not intend to actively consider any of the bills. I noted that our language for exemption was routine; however, Skidmore confirmed that this was a firm direction and urged us to comply.

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3. [ ] Called Richard Quick on the staff of Senator Hugh Scott (R., Pa.) and advised him in response to his earlier call that the constituent [ ] about whom he had inquired, would be receiving a letter from the Agency within the next few days asking him to come to Headquarters for final preemployment processing.

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4. [ ] Picked up a sealed envelope for the Director from Representative Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen (R., N. J.).

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5. [ ] Received from Mrs. Brown, House Committee on Science and Astronautics staff, a series of documents loaned to the Committee which were returned to us for destruction.

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